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Mike Fieldhouse and Tamara Soltykevych were just some of the many regular citizens compelled to help victims of the Fort McMurray wildfire trapped along Highway 63. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Citizen army wants to help

ROADBLOCKS

Volunteers being stopped on approach to Fort McMurray



Tim Querengesser
IN FORT MCMURRAY

Over and over they continued to arrive.

But it's not only officials who want to help the tens of

thousands of evacuees — it's regular people.

Along Highway 63, where abandoned cars still line the ditches, a citizen army of helpers compelled to do something are giving people what they can.

Mike Boyer came from Edmonton on a whim.

"It's hard to sit at home and watch the news and watch Facebook and see all these people struggling sitting behind a computer," Boyer said, with piles of bottled water filling the back of his SUV.

"I went straight to Costco

and bought a thousand bucks in water and hit the road."

The police blockade of Fort McMurray hasn't stopped many people from arriving in the town wanting to offer something to the 20,000 trapped at an oilsands camp north of the city.

All around them is a blaze that has grown to an almost unfathomable 85,000 hectares, sending the loved ones of those trapped into a near panic.

And if Wednesday was the day of the monster fire cloud, Thursday was the day of help

arriving — from Canadian Task Force Two to endless convoys of police and fire vehicles from across the province.

Some came so far only to be stopped at the edge of the city, and those people made their frustration clear.

"Why do you have the road blocked if you have volunteers lined up for miles?" asked Rob Davidson at the check stop.

Davidson drove more than eight hours from his home in Calgary, his truck packed with gasoline, diesel, diapers and toilet paper.

"There's people down there



I went straight to Costco and bought a thousand bucks of water and hit the road. Mike Boyer

waiting (to help), there's people over here waiting, and yet we can't get through," he said. "Here we are on Day 11 (of the fire) and we finally got the (Canadian Task Force Two) disaster relief. It's very unorganized."

Soon after Metro spoke with Davidson, the southern edge of the fire that had closed access

to Fort McMurray advanced and all people were told to evacuate south.

Tim Querengesser is the managing editor of Metro Edmonton. He has written about Fort McMurray for various publications and has covered western and northern Canada since 2008.

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Firefighters Cory, Cole, Tarren, Charles and Jason took a spare minute Thursday to refuel in Wandering River before heading back to fight the wildfire that is still threatening portions of Fort McMurray. They declined to offer their last names as they were not authorized to speak to media. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

DONATIONS

Red Cross sees \$11M boost



Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

As fires rage in Fort McMurray, there has been an outpouring of support from Canadians. As of Thursday, the Canadian Red Cross had received \$11 million in direct donations.

"We know Albertans are stepping up to help the people of Fort McMurray; that's what Albertans do when people are in need," said Alberta Premier Rachel Notley in a statement.

"The most effective thing people can do right now is make donations to the Red Cross, knowing our government will match those funds."

Notley said the Alberta Government will match Red Cross donations in support of Fort McMurray, and will provide the Red Cross an additional \$2 million in seed money to kick-start operations.

"Homes have been destroyed. Neighborhoods have gone up in flames. The footage we've seen of cars racing down highways while fire rages on all sides is nothing short of terrifying," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said in Parliament on Thursday, calling it "the largest fire evacuation in Alberta's history."

He said the federal government will also match individual charitable donations to the Red Cross.

As of Thursday, the fire had grown to 85,000 hectares.

HOW TO DONATE

Donations can be made through redcross.ca or by calling 1-800-418-1111.

Called back to the flames

WANDERING RIVER

Firefighters speak of scenes inside Fort McMurray



Tim Querengesser
Metro | Edmonton

Outside the A&W in Wandering River — the only place within 250 kilometres of isolated Fort McMurray that you

can still buy a hot meal — a crew of five firefighters scarfed down french fries Thursday before jumping back into fighting the flames.

The crew, part of Alberta Wildfire forces, have been fighting the blaze within Fort McMurray for the past five days. But on Wednesday night, as the wildfire grew and began pouncing upon the city's airport, even they were forced to evacuate.

On Thursday, they were heading back in.

"We were like going to bed, trying to go to sleep, and we

got evacuated from there, to Boyle (a town 300 kilometres south of Fort McMurray)," said one of the firefighters, a young man we will not name as he was not authorized to speak to media.

"It's just mayhem, it's crazy," he said. "They finally got a plan together so they're sending us back in today. We're going to the airport right now, actually, and all the other crews

are going to designated sites."

The firefighter, wearing a yellow suit darkened with ash, said he's felt afraid and on edge throughout the fight, as the flames are intense. He said he's been drinking 20 bottles of water per day, just to deal with the heat.

And he said he's seen this all before — he fought the Slave Lake fire, too.

For that reason, his

“It's mayhem. Everything — houses, everything, gone.”

thoughts on Fort McMurray are even more poignant.

"It's just gone man," he said.

"It's mayhem. Everything — houses, everything, gone. Walmart's gone, Shell blew up. We heard the explosion. We were right there, down by the river. We got pulled out of there."

His boss came to the truck and told everyone it was time to go.

"Last night was a 22-hour day, with two to three hours' sleep if you're lucky," he said. "And they're sending us back in."



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Syrian refugees give back

COMPASSION

Volunteers put together hygiene kits for evacuees



Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Syrian refugees are giving what little they have to support those who can do nothing but watch as their lives and homes burn in Fort McMurray.

Rita Khanchat, who, along with her family, came to Calgary in late December as they fled the civil war in Syria, said they know what the people of Fort McMurray are going through.

"We understand totally what they're feeling because we've passed through the same situation. We lost everything in just one second — maybe not from burning, but it still feels the same," she said.

Khanchat recalls what she felt leaving behind childhood



Elie Kallas on the shoulders of his father, Salem Kallas, with wife and mother Rita Khanchat, right, SRSR co-founder Saima Jamal, centre. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

memories and precious wedding photos.

"My dearest items, everything," she said. "You can't replace them, and you will be very sad when you lose these things, even more than when you lose your windows and doors."

Khanchat and her family

along with other Syrian refugees and volunteers from the Syrian Refugee Support Group (SRSR) are putting together personal hygiene kits for evacuees.

Saima Jamal, co-founder of the SRSR, said this is one of her proudest moments since starting the volunteer organization.

Jamal said all the refugees the SRSR has helped are donating at least \$5 and whatever else they can afford.

Jamal said since posting the initiative online she has seen many people who were against bringing refugees to Canada have a change of heart.

"They are now seeing

firsthand that they are people with humanity just like the rest of us, and they want to help in any way they can, too," she said.

Khanchat said when she explained to her young five-year-old son, Elie, what had happened, he also understood what it meant and immediately stepped into action.

"He started collecting his toys and items for the other kids," she said. "He wants them to have them because he remembers too what it was like to lose his own."

The refugees are collecting hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste as well as feminine products.

They are compiling them into 99 Hampers of Hope (the name given to a similar effort to help Syrian refugees when they arrived) that will be donated and taken to evacuees both in Calgary and elsewhere.

"Everything we can do for Canadians, we will do," said Khanchat. "Canadians gave us everything, and we will do the same."

FROM FIRE TO FIRE

Resettled families flee again

A Fort McMurray man whose relatives from war-torn Syria recently migrated to northern Alberta as refugees says his family has escaped one fire for another.

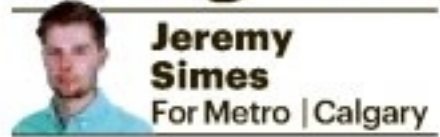
Fahed Labek fled the encroaching wildfire flames two days ago with his mother, sister, husband-in-law and their two children, who arrived in Canada in late February.

Labek, who made it to Edmonton after a harrowing journey, says he's concerned the refugees are enduring additional trauma after leaving the Middle East. But he says he's taking solace in the helpfulness of Canadians now assisting the forest fire evacuees.

Amany Darwish, president of The Canadian True Power organization in Fort McMurray, says she believes about six families of Syrian refugees fled safely but is concerned bad memories are resurfacing. Darwish says she believes they will endure the disaster with the help of a supportive community. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ANIMAL WELFARE

Danger delays rescue of abandoned pets



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Help is on the way for some of Fort McMurray's displaced and stranded animals, though the situation appears to have worsened, according to SPCA

workers in the area.

After raging wildfires on Tuesday left more than 200 animals stranded in their homes, Suncor Energy and numerous Calgarians donated more than 300 crates so furry friends up north can be easily transported with their owners.

On Thursday, rescuers said they don't expect to conduct rescue operations until Monday, according to RJ Bailot, executive director with the Alberta Spay Neuter Task Force.

"It's still too dangerous to go into town," Bailot said. "We know animals are in people's

cars that have been abandoned on the road — they just couldn't take them."

Bailot said more than 100 pooches and pigs at the Mackenzie Boarding Kennel near the airport have been abandoned by keepers as they were told to evacuate Wednesday night.



Whiskey, a chi-weenie, was left at home as his owner couldn't go back to get him during the Fort McMurray fires. CONTRIBUTED

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City always at risk for fires

PREVENTION

But Fort McMurray level not likely, says expert



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

While a local fire prevention officer says Halifax is at risk for forest fires, something of the scale of Fort McMurray isn't likely here. But it's not impossible.

"With climate change, increased fuel loads, you never know if that fire behaviour will happen here if we have the right conditions to go with it," said provincial Natural Resources department fire prevention officer Kara McCurdy.

The area has seen significant fires in the past, most recently in 2009, when 1,200 people were forced from their homes in the Fergusons Cove and Spryfield areas. The year before that, more than 400 homes were evacuated because of a fire near Porter's Lake. While she's not predicting

+ HELP

The premier's office announced Thursday the province would help co-ordinate Nova Scotians with family members in Alberta who need assistance or to make contact. Residents can also phone 211 to get connected to programs and services that may help. Nova Scotians wanting to donate to help with assistance can donate online at redcross.ca, call 1-800-418-1111, or text REDCROSS to 30333.

any fires of that magnitude, McCurdy said there have already been 129 forest fires across the province, and the rest of May and June are expected to bring many more.

"June could be really dry, and the chance of fire risk is increased for sure," she said. To reduce that risk, McCurdy recommends people check the province's website at novascotia.ca/burnsafe or call 1-855-564-2876 before having fires.



Helicopters drop water on a large, out-of-control brush fire near East Lawrencetown on May 7, 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

+ BE PREPARED

With a nation watching a massive forest fire devastating Fort McMurray, Alta., the swift and safe evacuation of the community's residents and the heroic round-the-clock work battling the blaze, Halifax residents might wonder how they would react in that situation.

Halifax emergency management organization co-ordinator Barry Manuel said there are three important things to remember.

"Have a kit, have a plan, and know the risks."

"Have it packed and ready, check it twice a year so you know it's still there," Manuel said.

This week was also Emergency Preparedness Week.

Manuel said he hopes we'll learn from the experience in Alberta.

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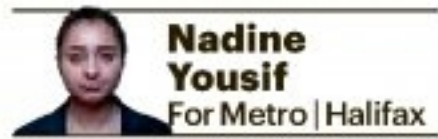


QUEEN'S MARQUEE

Punching up some confidence

SELF-ESTEEM

Special needs taekwondo leaves lasting impression



Nadine Yousif
For Metro | Halifax

Wearing his taekwondo uniform with pride, a determined Dustin Peverill walks up to his instructor with a clear target in mind.

He stares down the board facing him, ready to break it in half.

Before the blink of an eye, he delivers one swift kick.

"Yah!" he yells as the board snaps in two.

On this Tuesday evening, the 11-year-old was happily displaying his newly earned yellow-striped taekwondo belt — a promotion he was eager to receive.

"Since Day 1, he's always asked, 'When do I get my yellow stripe?'" his mother, Carrie Peverill, said prior to the start of class.

Dustin's dream was realized, as he was part of the first special needs taekwondo class to receive a belt promotion at Carr Family Taekwon-do last

month.

"He finally got his yellow stripe, so now he's asking 'When do I get my yellow belt?'" Peverill said. "His confidence is pretty up there."

Aside from adding a kick up to Dustin's self-esteem, his mother said taekwondo has also helped him make gains on respect and discipline in his everyday life.

It is for this reason that Robert Carr decided to start the taekwondo program for people with special needs last November in his Lower Sackville club.

"With learning the martial arts, besides developing a level of confidence being a big one, they're noticing differences when they're in school and with their social interactions," said Carr, the club's master instructor.

The class is held twice a week, with students' ages ranging from eight to 38 years old, according to Carr.

Peverill said the nature of taekwondo and the pace of the class has been beneficial for her son's personal growth.

"He's not competing against anybody else, which is sometimes difficult for kids with special needs," Peverill said. "His only challenge is furthering his own self-esteem and confidence, and it's been working."

Carr said he began work-



ing with elementary schools in the community by offering taekwondo lessons to children enrolled in learning centres for special needs.

"A lot of these kids don't have other opportunities to try martial arts or anything of that nature," Carr said.

He said the class has had a positive impact on participants and the community.

"Just seeing the smile that's on their face at the end of every

Above: Dustin Peverill, aged 11, throws a punch for the camera at Carr Taekwon-do in Lower Sackville on Tuesday.

Right: Master Robert Carr holds a board for Dustin.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

class, they come in, they're excited to be here," Carr said. "At the end of the class the smile is still there just as vibrant as when it was when they came through the door."



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Hopes high for revamp

RETAIL

Renovated food court opens in place of old bowling alley



Jeremy Mutton
For Metro | Halifax

Halifax Shopping Centre's revamped food court is open for business.

The mall's redesigned first floor, called Terrace, includes an open-air patio that can seat 70 people, and is also heated for winter use.

Ten familiar vendors such as A&W and Thai Express are back, with three new spots still to come. The mall says Shanghai 360, The Battered Fish, and Pannizza are set to open this summer.

The food court also includes a nursing station for mothers with young children. It's connected to the mall by escalators and a glass elevator.

The change is a big improve-



1 Terrace, the Halifax Shopping Centre's new food court.

2 A lounge area situated next to the food court. PHOTOS JEFF HARPER/METRO

ment from the old top-floor location, said retail manager Sherri Kelsie, who showed off the new design to media this week.

"We changed a former bowling alley into a new dining experience for Halifax shoppers," she said in an interview.

The food court officially opened Wednesday after 14 months of construction and will have a grand-opening celebration on Saturday.

"Everyone seems to be really enjoying it. The natural light, the open concept patio," Kelsie said.

Nick Forgrave, who was at the court eating when Metro stopped by for a tour, said he likes the updated space, but added, "it's a lot like other food courts."

"It's a bit lighter than before, it has a few more shops. I like it."

800

The Halifax Shopping Centre's redesigned food court area can now accommodate 800 customers.

JAYWALKING

Fine part of review: Minister

The Nova Scotia government is pondering a delay in implementing a controversial pedestrian fine for jaywalking included in legislation passed last fall.

The change would boost the fine for jaywalking to nearly \$700 from \$410 — more than the penalty for using a cell-phone behind the wheel.

Transportation Minister Geoff MacLellan says the fine portion of the legislation hasn't been proclaimed yet because it may be reviewed ahead of the release of a road safety strategy in June.

Critics have called the fine "disproportionate and counter-productive."

MacLellan says the strategy will include a review of all road safety fines, but he wouldn't say whether that means the jaywalking fine will ultimately be reduced.

Last fall, MacLellan said raising the pedestrian fine to a level equivalent with the highest fine for drivers sends the message that road safety is a shared responsibility. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Firefighter wins 'uphill battle'

HUMAN RIGHTS

Liane Tessier's case will be heard by a tribunal



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

After a decade of fighting, Liane Tessier is coming up for air.

The former HRM firefighter will have her case of gender discrimination heard by a Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission (HRC) tribunal, nearly 10 years after she first brought it forward.

"I was just so overwhelmed, it was just amazing. It just seems like a bit of a miracle," Tessier, 51, said Thursday.

"You've got your head down fighting so much that you can barely bring it up to take a breath."

Tessier began working at the Herring Cove station in 1998 and loved her work, taking courses and competing in combat challenges as well as becoming a certified trainer.

However, she said around 2005, she could no longer ignore malicious gossip and rumours.

She saw general disrespect from her male colleagues grow, and eventually found out there had been rumours spread around the station and through management, including one that she had a problem with alcohol.

When she tried to complain about the issues internally,



Nova Scotia's Human Rights Commission will hear a case from former firefighter Liane Tessier who says her male co-workers disrespected and gossiped about her. CHRISTIAN LAFORCETHE/CANADIAN PRESS

nothing was done and things only got worse as backlash began. Tessier said she was labelled as a "troublemaker."

Although she took her case to the HRC in 2007, they eventually dismissed it in 2011,

which Tessier said left her "devastated."

But Tessier continued what she called an "uphill battle," and after much searching found a lawyer to help her navigate a judicial review

into the HRC's decision.

In 2014, the Nova Scotia Supreme Court ruled that her case had been mishandled.

"Nothing was done in terms of their notes, in terms of interviewing people. It was really

flawed," Tessier said. "Judge Arthur LeBlanc said it was one of the worst cases he ever saw."

The HRC has since completed a second investigation, and decided Tessier's case does merit a tribunal.

+ STATEMENT

Fire Chief Doug Trussler said in a statement he's been instructed not to comment on the case, but "would like to point out that in the four years I have been chief of Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency, we have not received a single human rights complaint. That's a record I'm very proud of."

Now a stevedore on the Halifax waterfront, another male-dominated environment, Tessier said she's fought all these years in the hopes her story inspires other women to speak out when they encounter discrimination, and maybe make other workplaces safer.

The battle has taken \$60,000 in legal fees, but it's the personal cost of losing friends and focusing on the case that Tessier said has "consumed my life."

"It was grim," Tessier said. "You become a different person because of it."

When she was being harassed, Tessier said she had nowhere to turn and felt like no one believed her. Above all, she wants her case to make a difference legally and see HRM, other organizations, and unions make policies specifically to protect women.

"We still are seen as less-than, we can't do the job, we shouldn't be there in the first place," Tessier said.

"This is wrong, and this is a systemic problem."

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JUSTICE

May 2017 trial looks likely for Melvin Jr.



Olivia Carey
For Metro | Halifax

It should be another year until notorious crime figure Jimmy Melvin Jr. stands trial for first-degree murder in the shooting of Terry Marriott Jr.

The trial is expected to be held in May 2017. Dates will be set at the end of this month.

Melvin appeared via video link Thursday, at Nova Scotia's Supreme Court in Halifax.



Melvin Jr.
METRO FILE

The Halifax man is also charged with the attempted murder of Marriott in 2008.

Police determined the 2009 killing wasn't random after finding Marriott's body in a Harrietsfield home on Whitehead Road. The Marriott and Melvin families were then rivals in a long-standing crime feud.

Regan Taylor Henneberry, who was also charged with the 2008 attempted murder of Marriott and conspiracy to commit murder, did not appear in court Thursday.

Melvin's lawyer, Patrick MacEwen, and Henneberry's lawyer, Stanley MacDonald, both said they would apply for severance, meaning the trials would be heard separately.

COURT

Judge cuts teacher's access to children



Jeremy Mutton
For Metro | Halifax

A Halifax-area teacher charged with sexual assault will be able to have contact with children under the age of 16, but only if accompanied by a responsible adult, a judge ruled Thursday.

Sarah Allt Harnish, 36, was charged with sexual assault and sexual interference in March after a six-week police investigation. She was a teacher at Five Bridges Junior High School in Hubley, west of Hal-

ifax. She was also reportedly a former soccer coach with Halifax County United Soccer. Police were notified in early February about an alleged incident involving Allt Harnish and a student.

She was initially released on the condition that she have no contact with anyone under 16, and that she stay away from schools, parks, playgrounds and any other places known to be frequented by children.

Allt Harnish's lawyer requested the "responsible adult" accompaniment condition, which the judge accepted.



Laura MacDonald closes the back side of the shipping container. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Stillwell's firms up plans to pour again

CULTURE

Popular beer garden moving to South Park, Spring Garden



Haley Ryan
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Stillwell's beer garden has found a new home.

The corner of Spring Garden Road and South Park Street will host the bright red Stillwell container, after co-owner Laura MacDonald said months

had been spent looking for a new place in light of losing the bid to continue operating on the Halifax waterfront.

"We're going to create a little haven of treats," MacDonald said Thursday.

"The whole thing gets a ton of sun. I think it's going to be really great."

The new garden will have one entrance on Spring Garden between Bookmark and the Eastlink building, while a larger entrance for the 4,000-square-foot space opens onto South Park.

Although at first MacDonald said it was hard to imagine the garden going in the empty lot

where City Pizza burned down in 2008, once the design work began it started to make sense since urban alleys have become popular garden spots across the world.

Haligonians who fondly remember the blue Steve-O-Reno's drive-thru on Robie Street will also see it back as a repurposed dairy bar for Manual Food & Drink Co.

Manual will be offering soft-serve ice cream with "crazy cones" as well as other treats near the Spring Garden entrance, MacDonald added. There are no firm dates yet on when the garden might open, but MacDonald said it

+ IDEAS ON TAP

Laura MacDonald said picnic table seating, expanded draught beer and cider with 10 taps, and overhead lights and foliage will all be part of the experience, as will a BBQ area for snacks "on a stick, on a bun and other."

could be before the mid-June date from last summer since they have the red bar already.

MacDonald hopes to stay in the Spring Garden spot for at least the next two summers.

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Demonstrators gather at the foot of the statue in Cornwallis Park in this file photo. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Council to vote on getting rid of name

EDWARD CORNWALLIS

City's founder put bounty on indigenous people

Halifax council will consider a proposal to scrub the city of the name of its controversial founder, Edward Cornwallis.

Coun. Wayne Mason plans to bring forward a motion on municipal "commemorations" of Nova Scotia's first governor, including a park and a street bearing Cornwallis's name.

A spokesperson for Mayor Mike Savage said Thursday he supports the motion's introduction, which will likely come next week.

The proposal comes in response to campaigns throughout the province to remove Cornwallis's name from public

places in light of his treatment of indigenous people.

Cornwallis founded Halifax in 1749. Later that year, he issued a bounty on the scalps of Mi'kmaq men, women and children.

"Why would I want to idolize the man?" Mi'kmaq elder Dan Paul, who has led the charge to rename these sites, said in an interview this week. "You don't see a Jew idolizing Hitler, do you?"

The Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre, which borders Cornwallis Street, sent a letter to council in April asking the street be renamed. "Since we opened... we have suffered the humiliation," the letter reads. "The argument that what Cornwallis did to the Mi'kmaq was the result of different times and values does not wash."

The Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, a mostly black congregation, sent its own letter to council in support of the centre,

calling the name an affront to the Mi'kmaq.

The Cornwallis controversy extends throughout Nova Scotia. The military leader is also the namesake of Cornwallis River and Cornwallis Park in the Annapolis Valley.

A group calling for the Cornwallis River to be renamed is presenting a plan to regional councils next month.

Not everyone agrees these sites should be renamed.

In 2011, Paul succeeded in renaming a public junior high school. Then-mayor Peter Kelly likened it to sanitizing history, saying the story should be broadened to include the Mi'kmaq people, not erased altogether.

Last year, at Paul's request, Premier Stephen McNeil took down signs for the Cornwallis River near the Annapolis Valley First Nation last year. "He felt it was inappropriate that there would be a sign there that recognized Cornwallis very close to that Mi'kmaq community," McNeil told the provincial legislature.

Halifax is also contemplating the future of a statue of Cornwallis opposite the city's train station.

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"I have been asking the question, 'What do we do as a society with commemorative landscapes that are unrepresentative of present values?'"

Wayne Mason

HISTORIC STRUCTURES

Town Clock getting a facelift

Halifax's iconic Town Clock will be getting an upgrade this summer as part of an investment into historic structures in the city by the federal government.

Parks Canada announced Thursday its investing more

than \$20 million to "restore historic structures, improve visitor safety and ensure high-quality visitor experiences."

The faces of the Town Clock will be restored and have its roof and windows replaced, and

some landscaping will be done around the Halifax Citadel.

The Prince of Wales Tower in Point Pleasant Park will also get some love, with work beginning soon to stabilize masonry.

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WINE

Nova Scotia announces \$3.5M in funding to grow industry

Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

The province's announcement of \$3.5 million to help grow Nova Scotia's wine industry is an historic investment, agriculture minister Keith Colwell said Thursday.

Colwell shared details of the 2016-17 budget investment at Bishop's Cellar in Halifax. The \$3.5 million is part of \$12 million set aside over four years through the Vineyard and Wineries Investment Program.

"This is probably one of the best investments the province has ever made in history," Colwell said in an interview.

The investment's targets will include expanding grape growing, identifying and developing export markets and working with the industry to establish

a quality standards program.

The province's wine industry accounted for \$15.4 million in sales last year and \$300,000 in exports. The target with the investment is to get exports to about 15 per cent of the value of total sales by about 2020.

Avondale Sky Winery's owner and past president of the Winery Association of Nova Scotia said the investment is significant.

"Having focus and being able to determine what grapes should we be planting, what style wines should we be making and then promote it worldwide, a year ago that didn't exist and it does today," Stewart Creaser said in an interview following Thursday's announcement.

"It's pretty thrilling to see this happening."

"This is probably one of the best investments the province has ever made in history."

Keith Colwell



JUDGES' SALARIES

Minister defends changes to rules

Nova Scotia's finance minister is defending a move that would strip an independent tribunal of the power to set salaries for provincial judges.

The Canadian Bar Association Nova Scotia says amendments included in the Financial Measures Act legislation tabled on Monday would "seriously erode" judicial independence.

Under the proposed change cabinet would be given the power to overrule salary recommendations made by the tribunal, which are currently binding.

Randy Delorey says the change would give the province the option to reject salary increases that it simply can't afford and in no way infringes on the independence of judges.

The bar association says it wants the government to withdraw the changes and keep the current system, which it says has worked effectively for almost 20 years.

The tribunal set salaries for three years in 2015, and included a 3.8 per cent increase for 2014-15.

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TAXES

Towns to get flexibility with commercial property rates

Nova Scotia municipalities will have the power to phase in increases to commercial property taxes under proposed legislation. Municipal Affairs Minister Zach Churchill says amendments to the Municipal Government Act and the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter would allow municipalities to do so over a period of up to 10 years in areas designated as commercial development districts.

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From comic books to local
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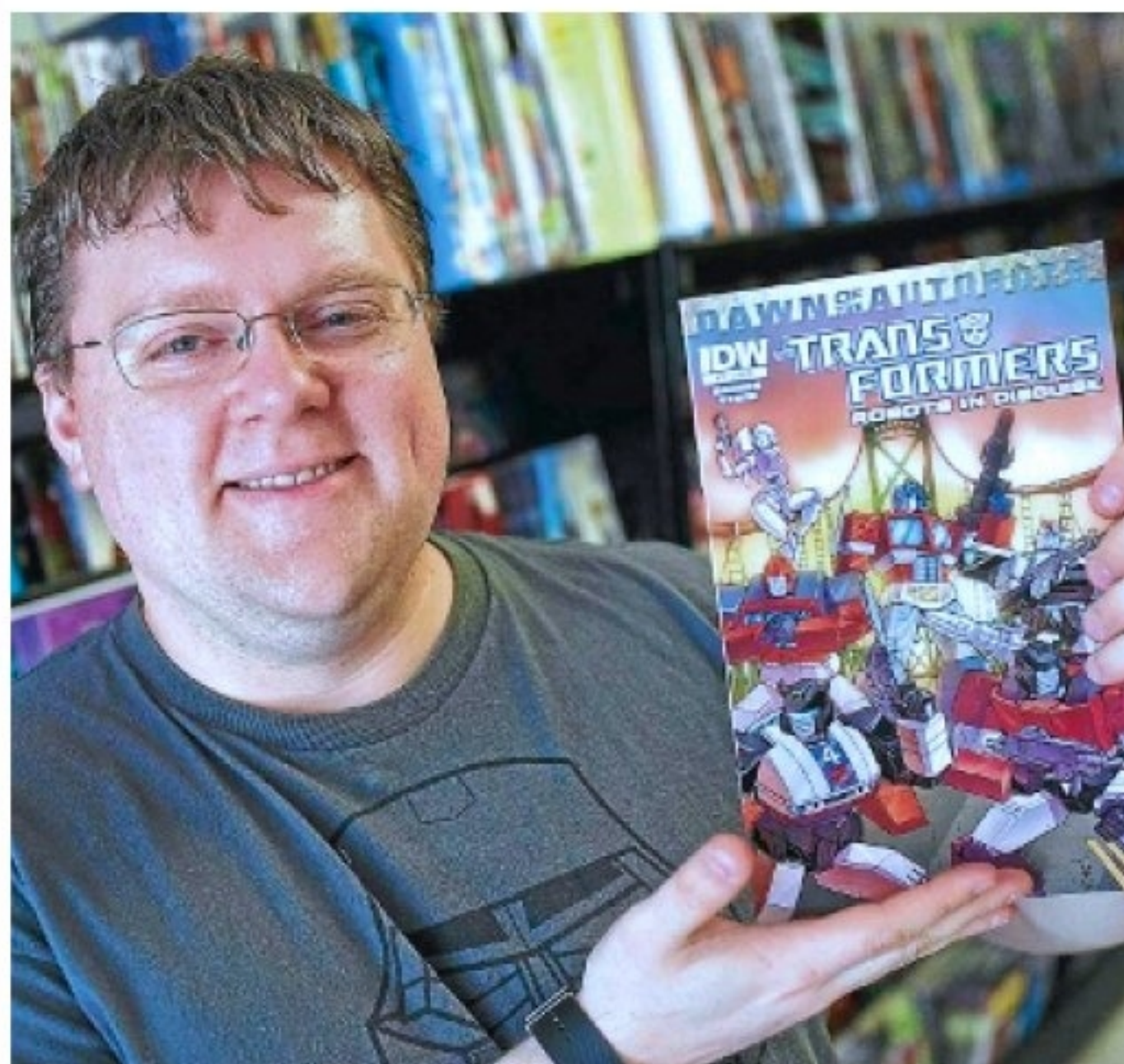
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1 Heroes the city deserve to enjoy

Celebrate all the comic book world has to
 offer with Free Comic Book Day this Saturday.
 Several comic book shops around the city will
 be passing out free comic books and holding
 special events for all graphic story-telling
 lovers. Participating shops include Cape and
 Cowl Comics and Collectibles, Monster Comic
 Lounge, Strange Adventures Halifax, Giant
 Robot, and Galactic Paradox.

2 Brews and Beethoven

Symphony Nova Scotia is gearing up for its
 summer break with the annual 25th end-of-
 season fundraising party. Classical and Celtic
 music will be played, including a performance
 by Maritime folk group The Irish Descendants.
 Attendants will also have the chance to sample
 a selection of local craft beer. The fundraiser
 will be held on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.
 at Halifax Forum's Multipurpose Centre. Single
 tickets are \$40.



**Darryl Wall of Giant Robot Comics has his Dartmouth store as one of the comic shops
 participating in Free Comic Book Day this weekend.** JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

3 A blast from the past

Step back into Nova Scotia's
 heritage with a visit to the
 grand opening of the Ross
 Farm Museum's Learning
 Centre. It's a bit of a drive, but
 who doesn't love fun farm fare
 and free cake? The event will
 also feature a heritage quilt
 exhibit curated by master quilt
 maker Polly Greene and hand-
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 cutting is set for 10 a.m. on
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4 A Mother's Day munch

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 The Rotary Club of Halifax
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 variety of locations hosting a
 special Mother's Day brunch on
 Sunday. Prices vary from \$50
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 under at most locations.

5 Open City 5.0

Open City is back again with
 a celebration of all things
 Halifax. Many local retailers
 and restaurants are offering
 up unique specials for the
 weekend. Several other
 events will also be part of
 the festivities, including the
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Trump moves to raise funds

U.S. ELECTION

Front-runner reaching out to party heavyweights

Donald Trump is taking his first steps toward raising the massive amounts of money needed for a national presidential race, aiming to broaden his primary insurgency into a full-fledged general election campaign and unite the fractured Republican Party behind him.

Trump is reaching out to party heavyweights, hoping to repair his at-times strained relationships with the Republican National Committee and big GOP donors whom he bashed repeatedly during the primaries.

On Thursday, his campaign named a finance chairman, Steven Mnuchin, who is chairman and chief executive officer of Dune Capital management LLC, a private investment firm, and previously worked at the New York bank Goldman Sachs. Mnuchin "brings unprecedented experience and expertise" to the fundraising operation, the campaign said.

Trump's new efforts include taking pains to reassure party leaders that he wants to help Republican Senate and House candidates, some of whom have

expressed major concerns that Trump at the top of the GOP ticket will be a drag on their own campaigns.

Earlier this week, Trump's final GOP foes, Ted Cruz and John Kasich, suddenly dropped out, clearing his path to the nomination. But some of the party's big names are still keeping Trump at arm's length. Neither former President George W. Bush nor Mitt Romney, the 2012 GOP nominee, plans to attend the party's national convention in July.

Members of the celebrity businessman's campaign were to meet with the party's national committee and enter a joint fundraising agreement needed for both his bid and for Republicans to maintain control of Capitol Hill, aides said.

"In order to really govern, we need majorities in the House and Senate. We're going to work with the party to raise money for down-ballot races to be successful," said Corey Lewandowski, Trump's campaign manager, in an interview Thursday.

Trump, a billionaire who paid for most of his primary campaign by himself, acknowledges he would have to sell some of his holdings to muster the hundreds of millions of dollars for a general election bid, something he said he doesn't necessarily want to do.

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REFUGEE CRISIS

MIGRANTS IN LIMBO

Migrants and refugees sit near the fence during a protest at the northern Greek border point of Idomeni on Thursday. Migrants and refugees protested against the poor camp conditions and the closed border.

The Greek coast guard says 78 refugees have been rescued from crippled smugglers' boats in two separate incidents in the eastern Aegean Sea.

A patrol vessel from the European Union's Frontex border agency picked up 56 people off the island of Chios on Thursday, and a Greek coast guard launch rescued another 22 off the nearby islet of Panaghia.

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SOLAR SYSTEM

Mercury making rare loop around sun

Earthlings are in for a treat Monday as Mercury makes a relatively rare transit of the sun.

The solar system's smallest, innermost planet will resemble a black round dot as it passes in front of our big, bright star. The last time Mercury crossed directly between the Earth and sun was in 2006, and it won't happen again until 2019 — and then, until 2032. NASA says the event occurs only about 13 times a century.

Louis Mayo, program manager

at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, considers it "a big deal."

The eastern U.S. and Canada will see the entire 7 1/2-hour transit, as will most of South America, western Europe and westernmost Africa. In the western portion of North America, stargazers can join in midway, at sunrise, while

those in eastern Europe, central Asia, the Middle East and most of Africa will have to call it quits early when the sun goes down. Australia will have to sit this one out altogether.

Forget eclipse glasses. At barely 3,000 miles across, Mercury would be too small to spot. You'll need binoculars or telescopes

equipped with proper solar filters to protect your eyes.

Look for Mercury south of the sun's equator. The planet might appear as though it's hardly moving, but in reality it will be zooming past the sun at nearly 106,000 mph.

Three spacecraft will observe the transit, so if you can't catch it with your own eyes, check out the space agency online. NASA promises images close to real time from its Solar Dynamic Observatory. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Astronomers get excited when any two things come close to each other in the heavens. Louis Mayo



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POLITICS

Turkish prime minister resigns

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu announced his resignation on Thursday, paving the way for the country's president to pursue a tighter grip on power.

"I decided that for the unity of the (ruling party) a change of chairman would be more appropriate. I am not considering running at the May 22 congress," Davutoglu told the nation.

Davutoglu, who had fallen out with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, announced he was stepping aside following a meeting with executives of the ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP, which has dominated Turkish politics since 2002.

The decision is not effective immediately. The party will hold an emergency convention May 22 to select a new

party leader who would also replace the premier.

Davutoglu indicated he did not plan to resign from the party, saying he would "continue the struggle" as a ruling party legislator. He also pledged loyalty to Erdogan, saying the president's honour was his honour.

The shake-up is seen as the outcome of irreconcilable differences between Erdogan, who would like to see the country transition to a presidential system, and his once-trusted adviser. It comes a day after Davutoglu's government scored a victory of sorts, with the European Union's executive commission recommending approval of a deal to give Turkish citizens the right to travel to Europe without visas.

After being elected

+ MODERATE

Davutoglu has proved to be a more moderating force to Erdogan, who has adopted an increasingly authoritarian style of government.

president in 2014, Erdogan chose Davutoglu to succeed him as premier and leader of the AKP party. Davutoglu was expected to play a back-seat role as Erdogan pushed ahead with plans to make the largely ceremonial presidency into an all-powerful position.

Crisis talks between the former political allies dragged out for nearly two hours late Wednesday but clearly failed to resolve their differences.

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In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, Syrian citizens gather at the scene where two explosions struck the village of Mukharam al-Fawkani, east of the central city of Homs, Syria on Thursday. SANA VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

10 people dead in Syrian blasts

VIOLENCE

Attacks happened in Homs, but Aleppo calm

A car bomb exploded in the main square of a central Syrian village on Thursday and once people gathered to help the victims, a suicide bomber riding a motorcycle detonated his explosives belt nearby, killing at least 10 people and wounding scores, state media and the regional governor said.

The twin attack in the central province of Homs came hours after a truce brought relative calm to the northern city of Aleppo, which has been the centre of violence in recent weeks.

The truce was announced by U.S. officials in agreement with Russia, in an effort to extend Syria's fragile cease-fire to the deeply contested city. The Syrian military said the truce would

last only 48 hours.

Syrian President Bashar Assad, meanwhile, said in remarks that came in the form of a letter to the Russian president that Aleppo will eventually be victorious, comparing the Syrian government forces' resistance in the city to the protracted Second World War battle of Stalingrad.

Homs Gov. Talal Barrazi said that the blasts were triggered by a car bomb and a suicide attacker. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also confirmed the attack and the death toll.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility but Daesh has in the past months claimed to be behind several similar deadly attacks in Homs province.

The area of the blasts is close to where Syrian troops and Daesh gunmen have been fighting for control of the vital Shaer gas field, which fell to Daesh on Wednesday after the extremists overran 13 government checkpoints and captured

+ VICTIMS

The 10 killed in Homs included four children and three women, state TV said. As many as 49 were wounded in the attack, which took place in the village of Mukharam al-Fawkani, located about 45 kilometres east of the central city of Homs, Syria's third-largest.

a Syrian soldier. The Observatory said 34 government troops and 16 militants have been killed in three days of fighting there.

In Aleppo, Syrian state media reported some violations of the truce, saying militants fired more than 20 shells into government-held parts of the city, where 280 civilians have been killed over the past two weeks, according to the Observatory. The activist group said Thursday's shelling killed one person and wounded others. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Missed deadline? Get to work on taxes

FINANCE

If you owe money, the urgency to file is greater

The deadline to file your income tax return for most Canadians has come and gone.

So, if you haven't already filed your tax return, tax experts say, you'd best get working and file as soon as possible.

EY tax partner Ryan Ball said he's heard all manner of excuses from late filers.

"We get various different reasons from 'I forgot' to 'I didn't feel like it,' to 'I couldn't get the information,' to 'I didn't think I was going to owe,'" he said.

The deadline to file your tax return for most Canadians was Monday. However, those that were self-employed last year or who have a spouse who was self-employed have until June 15 to file their return.

But even if you fall into that category, Monday was the deadline to pay any money you may owe on your taxes. If you or your spouse were self-employed last year, but you haven't fully paid your taxes, you won't have to pay the late-filing penalty, but you will be charged interest on the amount you owe.

Senior tax analyst Caroline Battista of H&R Block says it's important to file, even if you don't think you owe any money, because you may be due more than just your tax return.

GST/HST credits are based on your income as well as your RRSP contribution room and Ottawa's new child benefit which will replace the universal child care benefit and the Canada child tax benefit later this year.



Experts say it's important to file, even if you don't think you owe any money, because you may be due more than just your return. iStock

Battista also says filing your tax return isn't just about your taxes.

"If you're hoping to buy a home this year and looking to get a mortgage, that's what the bank or financial institution is going to be looking for to show your income," she said.

And if you owe money on your tax return, the urgency to file your return is even greater because the amount you owe is only going to grow the longer you delay.

The Canada Revenue Agency charges a penalty of five per cent of the balance owing plus one per cent for each full month you're late in filing your return.

And if being late is something that you've done before, it could be even more. If CRA

charged you the late-filing penalty on your return for 2012, 2013, or 2014, the amount doubles.

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Ball noted that CRA does have some leeway and may waive some or part of the interest and penalties for those who file late due to certain extraordinary circumstances such as medical emergencies or because of something CRA has done.

"Those types of applications do take time and expense to do, so they'd have to be in a fairly significant penalty to warrant the effort," he said.

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BENEFITS

Top earners claimed education credit: PBO

A new report by the federal budget watchdog says Canada's highest-earning families benefited disproportionately from non-refundable tax credits for post-secondary education.

The parliamentary budget officer says in 2015, families that were among the top 20 per cent of earners received 37.7 per cent of the total credits for education, textbook and tuition expenses.

The report says over the last decade, those top-earning households have received a larger chunk of the credits.

The analysis says while the highest-earning families claimed the majority of the tax relief, the per-family benefits were more evenly distributed.

The report says even though education is generally a provincial responsibility, the federal government contributed \$12.3 billion to post-secondary education in 2013-14. It also says in 2011 Canada spent 2.8 per cent of its gross domestic product on post-secondary education — more than any other OECD country. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

TV broadcasters see revenue shrink

Canada's private-sector television broadcasters saw their industry's revenue shrink by \$46.6 million and pre-tax losses increase slightly between 2014 and 2015, according to an annual report by their federal regulator.

The CRTC says 93 private-sector TV stations generated \$1.76 billion of revenue in the 12 months ended Aug. 31, 2015 — down 2.6 per cent from the previous broadcast year. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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FANNING THE FLAMES OF DISASTER

Forest fires happen every year, and a bit of burning is important for a healthy ecosystem. But this season is different — and not just because **the city of Fort McMurray is in the path of destruction**. In the words of Jen Beverly, who teaches fire science and management at the University of Alberta, this conflagration is “about as explosive as you can get.” Here’s why.

HEAT
Spring came a full month early in Alberta, thanks in part to the global warm phase El Niño. Temps have been 2 to 4 C above normal. Fort McMurray topped 31 C Wednesday. Northern Alberta also got 75 per cent less rain and snow than expected in recent months, and the snow melted sooner — leaving the forest warm, dry, and highly flammable.

FUEL
Fort McMurray is in Canada’s vast **boreal forest**, which is mostly (combustible!) evergreen trees. Trees with juicy green leaves, on the other hand, are a natural fire retardant. But there’s a window — it opened very early this year — in the spring, after the snow melts and before leaves bloom, when the forest floor is full of dry leaves and needles: fire food.

WIND
Wind propels fires’ spread and supplies **fresh oxygen** to fan the flames. If you’ve ever put your face near an open oven door, you know **heat rises**. That upward motion carries burning embers high into the air, where the wind can toss them horizontally by up to a kilometre. That’s how the blaze, helped by winds gusting to 50 km/h, hopped over a river. Huge fires also make their own winds: **fire whorls**.

CAN THIS FIRE BE FOUGHT?
Firefighters measure the energy of a fire in kilowatts per metre of **fire front**: The part where flames meet fresh forest. In a fire this intense (above 10,000 kW/m), “you can’t put people anywhere near,” the front, scientist Jen Beverly says. That leaves **indirect methods**, like using planes to drop water and fire retardant. Except: The tops of the trees are on fire, and it’s hard for pilots to see through the smoke. Controlled burns or bulldozers can remove some fuel in the fire’s path — but that’s not always safe in populated areas. Until there’s a good long rain, “there’s not much we can do,” Beverly says. “These are the most extreme burning conditions you can see.”

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FINDINGS
Your week in science



THE WAY TO A LAB'S HEART ... is through his stomach, as Labrador retriever owners everywhere know. Now science supports them: A new paper in *Cell Metabolism* identifies a gene variation found in the most “food-motivated” labs. A.K.A.: These pups will do anything for treats, including obey commands. It seems to more be common in service dogs — and obese ones.

THE BEST (FLU) SHOT
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Ant-Man Paul Rudd

After uncovering an incredible suit that enables him to shrink to the size of a bug, Ant-Man now lends his shape-shifting wardrobe to Captain America's fight. The truth is, in the comic book version, Ant-Man was killed off prior to the events of Marvel's Civil War.

YOUR GUIDE TO CAPTAIN AMERICA'S UNIVERSE

With Marvel superheroes battling on the big-screen this weekend, it's hard to keep up with who's fighting who. We boil down the blitzkrieg in our Captain America: Civil War glossary.

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TEAM IRON MAN



Black Widow Scarlett Johansson

Torn between teammates, the Avengers enemy-turned-member ultimately chooses Iron Man's pro-stance on government supervision of heroes. A martial-arts master armed with an electroshock weapon called the Widow's Bite, the one-time assassin has a big role to play.



Black Panther Chadwick Boseman

He'll soon have his own movie but first Black Panther has to partake in a little Civil War. He chose Iron Man's side after the African crown prince suspects Bucky Barnes is responsible for his father's assassination. A combatant with acrobatic skills, Black Panther is further favoured by a special suit.

Bucky Barnes Sebastian Stan



Introduced to filmgoers as the Winter Soldier in the previous Captain America movie, the now-brainwashed Bucky sides with his old friend. Although he has no superpowers, Barnes is an Olympic-class athlete so skilled in combat he actually took over as Captain America following the Civil War-years in the comic universe.

Vision Paul Bettany



Not your average superhero, Vision was an evil synthetic humanoid that was reprogrammed by Tony Stark in Avengers: Age of Ultron. Naturally, he's taking Iron Man's side and lucky for him - Vision can control his density and even partially materialize within other people, which presumably really hurts.



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OMG do you think superhero movies are a response to the 2008 financial crisis?

ism to be the Citizen Kane of the 21st century.

I also posed a question: "So tell me: if Paul Thomas Anderson directed a superhero movie, would you watch it?"

"Excuse me?" asked Simon.

"I'm having a cinema crisis," I said. "Even though some critics are saying Captain America: Civil War is the best superhero movie yet, I have no desire to see it. When did I lose interest in these DC and Marvel movies? Ok I know: it was after The Dark Knight Rises, or maybe Man of Steel: There is a battle scene in a Manhattan-like setting where sky scrapers crumble and citizens run around the streets covered in debris. I tapped out."

"Was it the incredibly jarring CGI effects?" he asked.

"I think I felt numbed by it," I said. "But in this new



Captain America, apparently Iron Man is disturbed by all the civilian deaths on account of his sky-wrestling with villains. There's morality! So am I selling these superhero movies short just because I assume they're going to be more of the same?"

"Of course you are," Simon said.

"Because I'm a snob?" I asked. "But I love action movies! And I am a child of

Steven Spielberg! Not literally, but Jaws is one of my favourite films, and people in the '70s said it was the 'death of cinema' like a lot of critics do today with superhero movies."

"The answer to the first question is that you have a personal fondness for Jaws and you could suspend critical faculties because it means something to you," he said. "But you have no

reason to do that with contemporary superhero movies."

"But I did for Tim Burton's Batman, and I loved Richard Donner's Superman," I said. "So maybe the question ought to be: Why suspend disbelief for one and not the other?"

"You were also a lot younger when those hit theatres," he said. "And look at what we're eating tonight. This is a meal from your childhood. You can gussy tacos up with your 'downtown' ingredients, but they probably wouldn't taste as good if they didn't taste just a little like your childhood."

"They really are delicious. I think it's the fresh cilantro," I said. "Or the avocado."

"Personally, I don't have a lot of things in my life that I can control in terms of 'being an adult,'" he explained, "but I can choose not to engage in this perpetual adolescence which is the mode of our culture right now. I get that people need to escape in life and that's what movies are for..."

"Like when people lined up to see Shirley Temple," I said.

"Sure, and also: what are

the chances that the single greatest economic depression in the history of U.S. would produce the single greatest flowering of comedy, in the form of screwball?"

"OMG do you think superhero movies are a response to the 2008 financial crisis?"

"I think today there's little impetus for people to give up childish things. But there is for me — and I don't care how many great jokes I'm missing."

"Iron Man is very funny," I said.

"I'm sure he is. Listen, I'm not ashamed to admit that I'm a cultural elitist. I want film to be fortifying. Some people may have walked out of There Will Be Blood wondering why would you want to subject yourself to that? It's exhilaratingly nihilistic. That's precisely why I loved it. That's how I want art to make me feel."

"But what if Paul Thomas Anderson directed a superhero movie?"

"Oh god," he said. "I would watch it in a second."

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

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The Bad Mother makes a good point

COMEDY

Film portrays the stresses of working and parenthood

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



Filmmaker Sarah Kapoor gave her mom a mother's day gift she'll never forget — she cast her in a movie about motherhood.

"Well, I didn't have to pay her," laughed the actor-director about working alongside her mom in the new comedy *The Bad Mother*. "That was probably the riskiest casting decision of all but we wanted to make the movie (and) it was a way to skip the acting costs and start filming right away."

Kapoor's benevolence wasn't just limited to her mother either. In fact, the film experience extended to the whole family as her husband and kids also appear in the movie of a mom so fed up



Director Sara Kapoor stars in *The Bad Mother*, available on Video on Demand. CONTRIBUTED

3 DIFFERENT MOVIE MOMS

The Wise Mom

Sally Field filled her son with optimism and sensible schooling like "life is like a box of chocolates" in the Oscar-winning hit *Forrest Gump*.

The Protector

In *Terminator 2*, Sarah Connor (Linda Hamilton) stopped a robot apocalypse while guarding her son from a murderous cyborg in the guise of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The Mentor

Sandra Bullock won an Oscar for portraying the real mother that adopted a homeless teen and raised him to become a football great in *The Blind Side*.

with an oppressive work-life balance that she drafts up a rant that accidentally goes viral — sending her situation into chaos.

"For women who need and want to work, there's so many obstacles and if you choose to be a stay-at-home

mother, you're undervalued," said Kapoor about the spark that ignited her cinematic ode to motherhood. "There's an abundance of incredible research that supports these ideas but there was no mainstream, accessible movie about it. So we took the

field of dreams approach and (thought) build it and they will come."

A working mother of two herself, Kapoor insists that the main character she portrays may not be quite true-to-life, but she's a definitely a composite of truth.

"Certainly it's inspired by feelings that I've had. The character Tara is an alternate version of myself," said Kapoor, adding the story's broader message about family may be more profound. "It's about women and mothers for sure, but when you watch the movie, it's really about that struggle that impacts the whole family — it's hard on dads too when work-culture demands an enormous amount of loyalty."

A poignant topic that could've easily been dealt with a heavy hand, Kapoor made sure to give the social issue a lift of levity.

"Imagine pitching a movie on work-life balance and child care — who's going to go for that?" said Kapoor. "But if you make it and it's funny and endearing — well, the response has been wonderful."

The Bad Mother is available online at badmothermovie.com

FAMILY BUSINESS

Gwyneth Paltrow and Blythe Danner: The mother-daughter duo paired up in a 2003 acclaimed biopic about poet Sylvia Plath, simply titled *Sylvia*.

Dakota Johnson and Melanie Griffith: Before she was turning Fifty Shades of Grey, Dakota Johnson made her debut going *Crazy In Alabama* — her mom's 1999 crime comedy.

Meryl Streep and Mamie Gummer: This famous mom-daughter combo has teamed up three times — most recently in 2015's rock n' roll comedy *Ricki and the Flash*.



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Raising Expectations is easy for '80s cultural icon Molly Ringwald

INTERVIEW

Former Brat Packer talks new series, handling fame

The first episode of Molly Ringwald's new family series *Raising Expectations* touches on an issue she's deftly handled throughout her career: the perils of fame.

Airing Sunday on Family Channel, the comedy series premiere sees her character — a high-profile child psychologist, author and mother of five — recounting one of her husband's tall tales at a conference. When the talk is posted online, it draws a flurry of accusations that the father (played by Jason Priestley) is lying and that the family isn't as perfect as it seems.

Ringwald is on Twitter but says she doesn't pay much attention to any online criticism she may receive. And she doesn't read reviews.

"It's a decision that I made when I was 19 years old," says the former *Breakfast Club* star.

"I think I read something that was just incredibly hurtful and unhelpful to me and so I thought, 'This doesn't really help, so why read it?'"

Ringwald says the hurtful review made it "hard to go to work the next day," so she "just made this decision not to read reviews."

"I made a decision that I would compile them and save them, and then one day when I wrote my memoirs, when I was 90 years old or whatever, that I would read them and then it ... wouldn't really bother me that much."

Ringwald says she feels she's dealt with fame "pretty well."

In 1992, after starring in seminal John Hughes films like *Sixteen Candles*, *The Breakfast Club* and *Pretty in Pink*, the member of the so-called Brat Pack group of young actors moved to France to flee the glare of Hollywood.

"I didn't know that I was doing it for that reason," she says. "At the time, it was really more

instinctive. I just knew that I was happy there and that I had been working for a long time.

"I also knew that if I was ever going to do something like that, that was the time to do it. I didn't have any kids, I wasn't married, there was nothing that was really inspiring me where I was living in California, so I just thought, 'Let me do this.'"

Ringwald continued to act in both France and the U.S., and in 2008, she landed a steady role in the teen drama series *The Secret Life of the American Teenager*.

She also started a family and side careers as a jazz singer and a writer (she's published a novel, a book of essays, an advice column and wants to pen a screenplay).

Ringwald and Priestley, Canadian star of the hit 1990s series *Beverly Hills, 90210*, connected over their early-life stardom.

"We're also people who have gone on and we've evolved and have built on this early success that we had. So I think that's definitely something we share."

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Molly Ringwald stars in the new Family Channel series *Raising Expectations*. NATHAN DENETTE/
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There's trouble in Avengers Land.

Like the recent *Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice*, which saw the Caped Crusader and the Man of Steel go head-to-head in a showdown over how best to police the world, *Captain America: Civil War* sees the Avengers go mano e' mano e' mano e' mano e' mano (there's a lot of them) in an effort to settle their differences.

As anyone who has seen the Avengers movies knows, the superhero team have caused havoc all over the world, blowing things up dropping buildings on people, all in the name of law and order.

It's been a wild ride but after a rescue mission leaves 11 innocent people dead the United Nations decides it's time to rein them in.

The proposed restrictions divide the group. Tony 'Iron Man' Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) wants more oversight while Captain America (Chris Evans) refuses to compromise.

Watching from the sidelines is Sharon Carter, ex-S.H.I.E.L.D. field agent and love interest of Captain America. Played by Port Perry, Ont., native Emily VanCamp, the character is firmly onside with her superhero suitor.

"It's an interesting debate," she says, "because there is no real right or wrong at any given moment. It is difficult to take sides."

"I know where my charac-



Canadian Emily VanCamp plays Sharon Carter, the love interest of Chris Evans, a.k.a. Captain America. HANDOUT

ter stands. I understand that. Because I play her, I get it but at the same time, as Emily, I really do feel it would make much more sense to be on Iron Man's side.

"That's what makes it interesting. You think you're going to go into it with a very clear vision of whose side you're on but you don't leave feeling that way."

With two Captain America films under her belt VanCamp is part of the Marvel Universe. That means she has a whole new group of fans with ideas about her character.

"The fans are incredibly invested," she says. "There are a lot of people with very specific ideas of who they want to see with Steve (aka. Captain America) and sometimes Sharon is not that person."

"I certainly hear about that. You have to admire how invested people are, whether they're on your side or not. You have to respect it."

"I just have to do the best job I can do as Sharon and create the

best version of the character and not take some of it personally. You

hope, for the most part, the fans are happy."

The 29-year-old actress began performing in dance class when she was just three years old.

"There were a lot of us in my family so it was a way to tire us out," she laughs. "It was an outlet to run around which then turned into more serious dance training."

Those lessons came in handy while shooting one of *Civil War*'s wild fight scenes.

"Dancing teaches you to be connected with your body," she says.

"We had to shoot the scene in *Civil War* where Sharon and Black Widow take on Bucky, quite fast. We didn't practice it."

"They were running behind that day and they shot the reaction to getting slammed on the table the next morning but all of the fight stuff was in an hour-and-a-half."

I don't think I would have been able to do that unless I had some formal training in dance."



INTERVIEWS

Brothers from other Mothers



Directors Joe and Anthony Russo. GETTY IMAGES

Some heroes are a little too super. Superman can sense Lois Lane is in trouble and fly from Metropolis to Africa in literally a second? It's enough to make you root for Lex Luthor.

But Captain America, as scripted and shot by brothers Anthony and Joe Russo, isn't the kind of hero who can, say, yank a helicopter out of the sky without breaking a sweat.

"If the audience doesn't feel like there are limits that the character can reach both emotionally and physically, then the stakes of the drama fall apart," says Anthony Russo. "You see Cap get hurt. It's hard for him to get up sometimes."

It's this sense of superlogic that makes the billed battle between Captain America and Iron Man in *Captain America: Civil War* such a satisfying slugfest. The fallout follows United Nations pressure for the Avengers to abide by government sanctions. Iron Man vocally agrees while Captain America hesitates, finding a new bond with Bucky Barnes, the brainwashed "Winter Soldier" he grew up with.

Over the phone from L.A., Anthony and Joe Russo delved into Cap's family feud, reintroducing Spider-Man, and helming the biggest Marvel movie yet: the two-part Avengers: *Infinity War*.

Being brothers making a film about surrogate brotherhood, did you bring a person-

al perspective to this project?

Joe Russo: Without question it is something that we related to. In *Civil War* we felt that we had a really interesting conflict between Cap's old family and his new family, the Avengers, that we could mine. The last remaining piece of his past, his best friend and his brother (Bucky Barnes), still exists in a very complicated way.

It was exciting to see Tom Holland as Spider-Man. He has amazing chemistry with Robert Downey Jr. as Iron Man.

Anthony Russo: We knew that bringing a younger character into the universe would diversify it and give us another tone to play with. It felt like the best person to mentor that character would be Tony.

You've said *Infinity War* will have 67 characters. Is that a real number or a joke number?

JR: It was a bit of a joke, and also real. It's true that we did have that number of characters. What we do is we sit in a writing room with (screenwriters) Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely and talk about story for months and we do put a lot of stuff on the walls to help us track different ideas. It is true that we had that number of characters on the wall. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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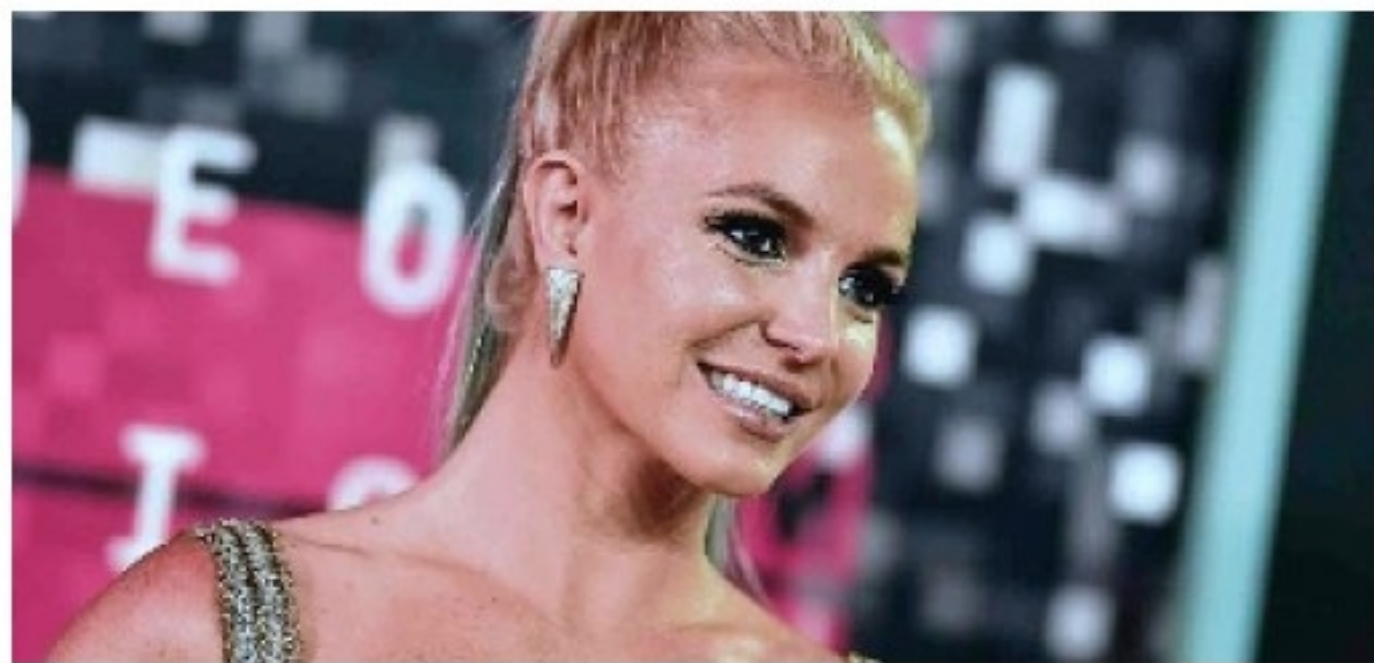
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Spears ready to give you more



Britney Spears, 34, has apparently made no moves to lift a conservatorship that gives her father management control over her finances and career. JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION/AP

Since February 2008, Britney Spears' life has been tightly controlled by her father Jamie Spears and lawyer Andrew Wallet.

It was obvious why her family stepped in to help the 34-year-old pop star as she struggled publicly with health and behaviour issues — she shaved her head, appeared dishevelled in public and lost custody of her two sons with Kevin Federline.

But the storm has subsided and whatever undisclosed drug and mental health issues plagued her then seem to be controlled, argued the New York Times in a lengthy feature published online Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the court-approved conservatorship remains in place with Jamie managing her finances and career, and Britney has apparently made no moves to have it lifted.

There are many indications that things are going very well for the performer, whom Forbes named the fifth



Spears showed off her figure in her strappy monokini on Tuesday. INSTAGRAM

highest-earning female musician of 2015, ahead of Rihanna and Nicki Minaj. Some key take-aways from the article:

- She recently signed a two-year, \$35-million contract to extend her residency at the Las Vegas Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in a three-performances-a-week arrangement that allows lots of time to spend with her two children. She has, since the divorce, worked out

visiting arrangements with Federline.

- Father Jamie earns \$130,000

a year as her conservator.

- She is currently working on her ninth album, her first since 2013, and is set to debut the single "Make Me (Oooh)" at the Billboard Music Awards on May 22.

- She appears slim and healthy and is seen often with her children in Los Angeles.

- Besides her music, Spears earns money from selling memorabilia, lingerie and perfume — all of which are negotiated by her conservators.

- She calmly weathered a court hearing this week surrounding a suit by "a former self-described manager" seeking compensation, a positive sign after her conservators successfully fought to keep her from testifying in prior lawsuits.

The conservatorship, brought in place when a person is unable to care for themselves, is revisited once a year. Given the success of the arrangement — and the lack of open criticism by the singer — it's possible Britney prefers to leave decision-making to others while she cares for her kids and career.

She's already had enough drama and stress for a lifetime. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cyndi Lauper shows her Country colours

CROSSOVER

Singer releases her western album, Detour

Pop singer, songwriter and Broadway musical composer Cyndi Lauper added a little country twang to her signature Queens accent.

Her country and western covers album Detour, which is out on Friday, brings another unexpected twist to a career that has included music, theatre, television, movies, wrestling and activism.

A musical chameleon, she's won two Grammys, an Emmy and a Tony, but despite all the success, she said she's not as savvy at the art of business.

"Much to the chagrin of my family, I have not been the greatest businesswoman," Lauper said during an interview in Nashville, Tennessee. "I was always art for art's sake. But you have to think of it like a business. It's art and commerce and somewhere in between you find the mix."

Her meandering path took her from Broadway where she wrote music for Kinky Boots, which won six Tony Awards, to Music City where the pink-haired 62-year-old singer recorded her latest album with guest vocals from Willie Nelson, Vince Gill, Alison Krauss and Emmylou Harris.

Together with producer Tony Brown, she worked with some of the city's best session musicians to craft a live sound that wasn't polished to perfection.

"I kept telling them, 'It has to be dirty.' Think sex," Lauper said. "So it was a country western theme, but there was always a stripper walking across the floor with a boa. Like a blues thing."

The songs are from different era of country music, as far back as the '40s, when country was heavily influenced by early rock 'n' roll and blues, or as Lauper said her record label head Seymour Stein put it, "before Elvis kicked the door down."

She covers songs made famous by Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn, Wanda Jackson, George Jones, Dolly Parton and Marty Robbins.

To Lauper, the songs reminded her of being a kid in Queens watching cowboy shows on TV and listening to her aunt Gracie's transistor radio. The female stars



Cyndi Lauper poses in Nashville, Tenn., to promote her new country album, Detour, releasing on Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

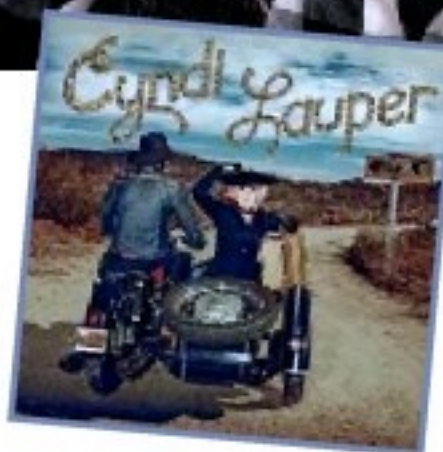
of country music were like pop stars to a young Lauper.

"Loretta Lynn, you saw her on TV and you knew she wore a cowboy hat," Lauper said. "But she was a television star to us. As I got older, she sang 'The Pill' and I was like, 'Wow, she's a feminist, too.'"

Gill, who sang the duet You're the Reason Our Kids Are Ugly with Lauper, said they gave a new twist to the classic originally sung by Lynn and Conway Twitty.

"It has this whole talking back and forth at the end of the record with the two of us and it sounds like her being from the Bronx and me being Joe Pesci," Gill said. "It's hysterical."

Early on in her career, she was in a rockabilly band, so it wasn't a stretch for her to include a song like Funnel of Love, to which she added a few well-placed high pitched yips. But other songs



proved a bit harder for the Girls Just Want To Have Fun singer to record.

"When I first did Walking After Midnight, I sang it so darn low. I was like, 'I can't sing! What is wrong with me?'" she said. "But I realized that it had to be in my key. And don't go trying to reinvent the wheel."

She'll be performing the country songs, as well as her classic pop hits, on a tour that starts Monday at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville.

"And I have an idea of how I am going to put a little country in all of some of the songs I will be singing," Lauper said. "You know, why not? What the heck. You live once."

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In *The Shadow of the Hill* director Dan Jackson has been documenting the lives of people in Rio's slums since 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The missing people of Rio

INVESTIGATION

Doc examines disappearance of thousands from slums

As Rio de Janeiro prepares to welcome the world for the Summer Olympics, a new documentary is looking beyond the glitz of the Games to cast light on the dark side of Brazil's second largest city.

In *The Shadow of the Hill*, which screens Friday at the Hot Docs festival in Toronto, turns its lens on the residents of Rocinha, the largest slum or "favela" in Brazil.

The densely populated community is estimated to be home to anywhere between 70,000 and 300,000 people, and is located on a mountainside between two of Rio's wealthiest neighbourhoods.

Ahead of the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics, the Brazilian government introduced a series of "pacification" programs designed to reclaim territories controlled by armed drug traffickers.

Australian filmmaker Dan Jackson arrived in Rocinha in 2012 and started documenting the lives of the residents. The third time he returned to the favela was the same day tragedy occurred: Amarildo de Souza disappeared.

The local bricklayer had last been seen on June 14, 2013, being picked up by police for questioning. Police maintained he left the station alive. His family believed he had been tortured and killed

by law enforcement.

"Before the case of Amarildo, there were 22 cases that we officially know of in Rocinha about the police torturing residents to obtain information," said Jackson in an interview.

"They went in front of the courtroom, in front of a judge, and the judge threw it out because they're poor black favela residents."

The mysterious circumstances surrounding de Souza's disappearance soon gained attention beyond Brazil's borders. In *The Shadow of the Hill* also examines the relationship between favela residents and the police, and shows the efforts of community members and activists to maintain hope and seek justice.

According to the film, about 38,000 people have disappeared in Rio between 2007 and 2013, the vast majority being black males from the favelas. The documentary also includes interviews with de Souza's family members, community residents and lawyer and human rights activist Joao Tancredo. According to Tancredo, in the last decade, about 10,000 forced disappearances in Rio alone are under suspicion of police involvement.

"If you look at a map of all the pacified communities in Rio, they have an inherent link to either the World Cup or the Olympics in terms of infrastructure they planned on building, in terms of public access highways," said Jackson. "In my mind, there is an absolutely indelible link between the two."

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SOCIAL WORK

Glover to receive human rights award

Actor Danny Glover will receive a human rights award at a historic site in the Adirondacks honouring abolitionist John Brown.

The first Spirit of John Brown Freedom Awards will be presented Saturday at the John Brown Farm State Historic Site near Lake Placid.

Organizers said Glover is expected to attend.

Other recipients are Albany civil rights leader Alice Green and the late Brother Yusuf Abdul-

Wasi Burgess, a youth advocate.

Glover is a long-time political activist for humanitarian causes. He's known for leading roles in the Lethal Weapon films, *The Color Purple* and *Angels in the Outfield* as well as many other movies and television shows.

John Brown was hanged in 1859 for trying to start an armed slave revolt with a raid on a U.S. arsenal in Harpers Ferry, Virginia. He's buried outside Lake Placid.

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MARK STACHIEW/FOR METRO

1

Belugas in Manitoba



TRAVEL MANITOBA

In the cold waters of Hudson Bay near Churchill, Man., visitors can get up close and personal with beluga whales. These beautiful white whales swim in small groups and are plentiful in the Canadian north. Wrapped in a thick wetsuit to keep warm, you plunge into the murky water to find yourself surrounded by belugas. The instant you submerge yourself, you are struck by the clamour of whistles and clicks as they constantly chatter with each other. Belugas seem to be as curious about us as we are about them, so don't be surprised if mother whales bring their babies up to take a closer look at you.

2

Sea stars in British Columbia



DESTINATION BC

In British Columbia's Desolation Sound Marine Provincial Park, you can snorkel with the stars — the sea stars, that is. In the park's warm, nutrient-rich waters, snorkellers can admire aquatic gardens of giant sunflower stars, purple stars, mottled stars, leather stars, blood stars and painted stars along with an abundance of other marine life. As a bonus, the area's fjords and mountains offer scenery that is as spectacular above water as it is below.

3

Salmon in New Brunswick and British Columbia



PARKS CANADA

Atlantic or Pacific salmon? No, it's not a menu choice at a restaurant. You can snorkel with these iconic fish on either of Canada's coasts. In British Columbia's Powell River, visitors can swim with the colourful fish from June to September as they return on their annual migration to their spawning grounds on Vancouver Island. In the east, in New Brunswick's Fundy National Park, you can team up with park scientists this September on the Upper Salmon River to count Atlantic salmon as they too head upstream to reproduce.

4

Seals in Quebec and B.C.



RICK STANLEY, OCEAN QUEST ADVENTURES

The first time you swim with seals you fully realize that humans are not really meant to be in the water. It's a good thing seals can't laugh, otherwise you'd know they were mocking you as they effortlessly swim around you while you fumble in your snorkelling gear in an attempt to keep up. Young seals, which are essentially puppies with fins, are especially fond of showing off. You can frolic with these fun creatures on the east coast in Forillon National Park in Quebec's Gaspé region or off of Vancouver Island near Nanaimo, B.C.

5

Humpback whales in Newfoundland



RICK STANLEY, OCEAN QUEST ADVENTURES

Whale watching from a boat is great, but swimming next to them in the water is so much better. You can do it in the waters off the east coast of the Avalon Peninsula in Newfoundland where humpback whales like to congregate in July and August. Swimming side by side with one of these humongous creatures is a life-changing experience. You will feel tiny by comparison and then you realize they aren't even the largest whales in the world.

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Five happening summer destinations

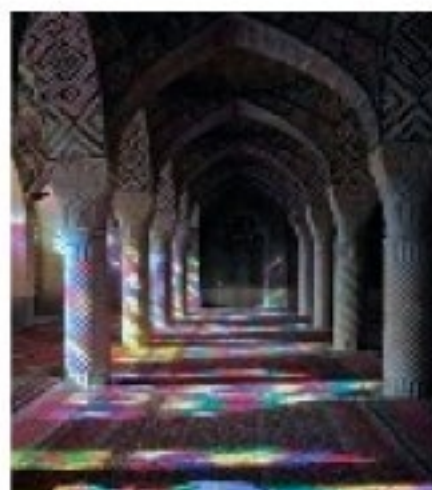
As well as beating the crowds and bypassing the pitfalls of mass tourism, visitors holidaying in up-and-coming destinations can also enjoy lower prices. Hot on the heels of Croatia — Europe's "exotic" destination some 15 years ago — here are five alternative hotspots for holidaying off the beaten track. **AFP**



1 Bulgaria

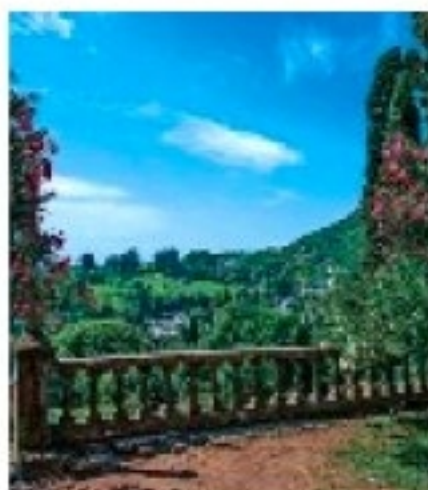
Like Croatia used to be years ago, Bulgaria is the latest up-and-coming destination in Eastern Europe. Tourists can still enjoy low prices with a bit of savvy planning. A flight to the capital, Sofia, shouldn't break the bank, especially since budget airlines now operate routes from some European cities. The country offers postcard-perfect landscapes for holidaymakers thanks to Black Sea beaches and a patchwork of typical Balkan villages and temperatures of around 27 C.

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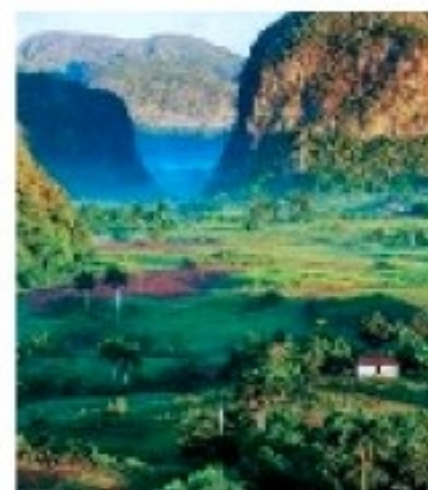
2 Iran

International relations with Iran have warmed since last year's signing of a nuclear deal. Major airlines are reopening routes to Tehran and international hotel groups are returning as tourists head back to Iran. Persepolis is a must for anyone with an interest in history, and budding photographers will love the dazzling coloured mosaics of the Nasir al-Mulk mosque in Shiraz.



3 Abkhazia

The Black Sea is a seriously hot destination in the travel world right now. On its eastern shore, Abkhazia awaits tourists curious to discover this little-known region between the Caucasus Mountains and the Black Sea. Abkhazia will please travellers with a taste for nature thanks to its many mountains and caves, including Krubera Cave, the deepest known on Earth.



4 Cuba

Catch a glimpse of the famous Cuban cars, take a peaceful dip in the crystal-clear waters of Maria La Gorda, or wander through Havana's picturesque old town before American tourists begin being able to arrive en masse, thanks to a thaw in U.S. relations. Make the most of the many salsa and rumba dance classes and local "casa particular" home stays.



5 Transylvania

Situated in the centre-west of Romania, Transylvania is a new alternative destination for nature-lovers thanks to its lush, green surroundings and natural border with the Carpathian mountain range. Transylvanian architecture and landscapes give a distinctly Game of Thrones slant to the surroundings, scattered with baroque-style villages like Cluj-Napoca.

WASHINGTON

D.C.'s politicos make room for hipsters in Washington

Over the last decade, Washington's incumbent suit-and-tie scene has been upstaged by alternative, revitalized neighbourhoods filled with beer gardens, social sports, food trucks, locavore restaurants and artist cafés.

Not far from the National Mall and Capitol Hill, a dynamic group of chefs, brew masters, club owners and artists have cultivated a thriving nightlife — shaking the U.S. capital's staid reputation as a commuter town full of tourist traps and lobbyist-infested steak houses.

Case in point: Vendetta Bocce Bar & Tavern on H St. N.E. Even 15 years ago, the area east of Union Station had a reputation for seediness and crime. These days it's a prime destination for those looking for a little recreation with their recreational drinking. "When people think of D.C., they typically think of all the government offices and jobs — and people who like to work hard play hard," says Bryson Lefmann, Vendetta's events and marketing manager.

Known for its free indoor bocce courts, the bar's décor is a hipster dream house of



Ben Live plays at the Black Cat on 14th Street. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

vintage cameras, umbrellas, black-and-white family photos, and vintage Italian advertisements.

D.C. has a transient, young working population looking to be socially engaged, Lefmann adds, so "they come to our bar to do something fun." That same ethos applies to Vendetta's sister bar across the street, the H Street Country Club. Casey Hogan, the club's general manager, labels the whole gentrifying strip an "up-and-comer." His club's covered, rooftop patio plays off its name: at night, the lights flicker off the blue

walls and ceiling like reflecting pool waves. But the biggest draw is indoor, nine-hole mini-golf. The brainchild of a local artist, the D.C.-themed course even attracts customers playing the part in plaid shorts and golf caps.

Chef Kyle Bailey's Birch & Barley is one of the hottest spots on the thriving 14th St. N.W., serving beers paired to menu items such as pan-fried sweetbread and roast pappardelle.

The New York kitchen vet says D.C.'s stable staple of government-related jobs makes it less risky to launch a restaurant. But expense-account restos have been usurped by multicultural cuisine, tasty street food and farm-to-table kitchens like Bailey's own.

The Birch & Barley's centrepiece is an organ-designed beer tap system, its large pipes also carrying draft through the ceiling to serve its upstairs companion pub ChurchKey. The dual-venue crowd is a D.C. catch-all: young and old, suits and T-shirts, hipster and politico. D.C.'s old and new worlds are co-existing? It's nice to see someone in Washington getting along. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

TRAVEL NOTES

Graceland hits 20 millionth paid visitor

Elvis Presley Enterprises says CEO Jack Soden greeted the 20 millionth visitor, 31-year-old Tiffany Greenoak, at Graceland on Monday morning. Greenoak, who's originally from Montreal, and now lives in London, was on her honeymoon with her husband, 40-year-old Robert Greenoak. Elvis Presley lived at Graceland for 20 years before he died on Aug. 16, 1977. Tours of Graceland began on June 7, 1982. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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44-year-old Jaromir Jagr, who is a finalist for the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy, has agreed to a one-year contract to return to the Panthers

Hurricanes overpower Storm to take series lead

NBL CANADA PLAYOFFS

Halifax pulls it together in second half for comeback win



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

One word described how the Halifax Hurricanes felt after defeating the Island Storm 106-100 on Thursday night at the Scotiabank Centre in Game 1 of their best-of-five series.

"Relieved," guard Joel Friesen summed up the general consensus among his Hurricanes teammates, following the too-close-for comfort home court game.

The National Basketball League of Canada opening playoff match-up between the two Atlantic Division rivals saw the Storm steal a 10-point lead after the first quarter and increase that to a 16-point lead, with a 58-42 score, at halftime.

"It was a bit stressful after the first half, but I think we're all pretty proud of how we stuck together and turned things

GAME 1

106 100
CANES STORM

around in the second half," the six-foot-five, 195-pound player from Abbotsford, B.C., said after the win.

"It was a slow start," said Friesen, who put up 16 points, pulled down four rebounds, added four assists and had a few good shots from beyond the arc, including a three-point buzzer beater to narrow the gap to 79-76 at the end of the third quarter.

After a rough start to the game, the Hurricanes talked about stepping up "the intensity" heading into the second half.

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It was one of the best crowds all year, and we really appreciate it.

Hurricanes guard
Joel Friesen

"We changed our mindset," Friesen said. "It was just about playing good team defence, playing good 1-on-1 defence, and getting defensive

rebounds."

"We're a very tough offensive team, and we're a great team when we keep that defensive mindset."

The Hurricanes' new attitude showed in the stats. They out-



Halifax Hurricanes power forward Mike Glover dribbles past Island Storm centre Robert Nortmann on Thursday night at the Scotiabank Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

scored the Storm 34-21 in the third quarter and 30-21 in the fourth quarter.

Also leading the Canes on Thursday night were forward Billy White with 23 points; power forward Mike Glover with 13 points, four rebounds and nine assists; power forward Kyle Hunt with 10 points and 10 assists; and guard Shane Gibson with 15 points and six rebounds.

"The first half we came out sluggish," Gibson agreed, but

said the second half was a real "turn-around" for the Hurricanes.

A couple of late-game highlight reel-worthy plays helped put the Canes on top, including a long pass up court to forward Billy White, who made a crowd-pleasing dunk to put Halifax up 89-88.

Hunt also broke a late-game tie, sinking two shots from the free throw line to make it 99-97.

Gibson and point guard Cliff

Clinkscales both downed three-pointers late in the game to keep the Hurricanes ahead, with the 2,419-strong crowd chanting "defence" and making plenty of noise to keep the home team pumped up until the final buzzer.

The Hurricanes tip off against the Storm again Friday night for Game 2, once again at 7 p.m. in the Scotiabank Centre.

"We've just gotta come out fresh," Gibson said.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Raptors get even with the Heat

Kyle Lowry bounced back into all-star form to lift the Toronto Raptors to a 96-92 overtime victory over the Miami Heat on Thursday, evening their second-round playoff series at one win apiece.

Lowry had 18 points, including two clutch baskets in the final minute of regulation, just two nights after what had to be one of the worst games of his career.

DeMarre Carroll scored 21 points, Jonas Valanciunas had 15 points and 12 rebound and DeMar DeRozan chipped in with 20 points.

Miami point guard Goran Dragic sank a heartbreaking three with 10.5 seconds left to send the game into overtime tied 86-86.

Toronto dominated in OT, virtually the reverse of Tuesday's game. Miami missed its first five shots, and the Raptors had baskets from DeRozan and Valanciunas. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Duchene eyeing World Cup spot

HOCKEY

Worlds in Russia offers centre chance to make roster

Matt Duchene sees the world hockey championship as an audition. The 25-year-old was not among the first 16 players named to Canada's entry at September's World Cup in Toronto.

He hopes to add his name to the group with a strong performance for Canada at the IIHF World Championship in Russia, which begins Friday in St. Petersburg with a preliminary

game against the U.S.

The tournament is in some ways a last minute proving ground for Duchene as well as wingers Corey Perry, Taylor Hall and Brad Marchand, the likeliest Canadian candidates to draw real consideration for the final World Cup roster, which must be announced before June 1. None of the initial 16 players chosen are participating in the worlds.

"Our first goal is to win this tournament and that's the only thing that's on our minds. But what helps the team win the tournament is going to help us also," said Duchene who plays centre for Colorado Avalanche. Duchene and team captain Perry were both members of Canada's

gold medal winning squad at the 2014 Sochi Olympics, but neither landed one of the coveted first 16 spots on the World Cup team.

There's an opportunity in Russia to influence management and coaches of that squad, who are involved to some degree at the worlds. Bill Peters, an assistant coach on Mike Babcock's World Cup staff, is Canada's head coach in Russia. World Cup GM Doug Armstrong is serving as a senior adviser for the world championship team. Duchene thinks he can showcase his versatility in the coming weeks. "I think that's a good thing to be versatile," said Duchene, who had four goals and 12 points at last year's worlds.

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Canada's Matt Duchene, second right, celebrates scoring against Czech Republic with teammates during their friendly in Prague on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP/PETR DAVID JOSEK

IN BRIEF

Coyotes make Chayka youngest ever hockey GM

The Arizona Coyotes have made John Chayka the youngest general manager in NHL history and restructured their front office.

Chayka, 26, was introduced as Arizona's next general manager on Thursday after serving one season as assistant GM to Don Maloney, who was fired in April after nine seasons. Coach Dave Tippett also signed a five-year contract extension and will have added responsibilities as executive vice-president of hockey operations.

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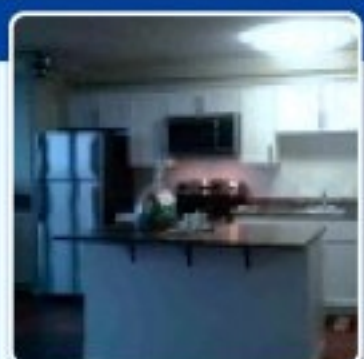
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- 1 cup old fashioned oats
- 1 cup spelt flour
- 1/4 brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup milk
- 3/4 cup plain Greek-style yogurt
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 ripe bananas, mashed
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate chips
- 4 Tbsp butter

Directions

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine

oats, flour sugar, baking soda, baking powder and cinnamon.

2. In a separate bowl, whisk eggs, milk, yogurt and vanilla. Combine yogurt mixture with dry ingredients and then fold in bananas.

3. Heat 1 tablespoon of butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Use a 1/4 cup measure to pour batter in your hot pan, leaving some space between pancakes in the skillet. Cook pancakes until bubbles appear on top and the underside is golden brown then flip and cook another 1 to 2 minutes. Add another tablespoon of butter to pan between batches and work until batter is finished.

4. Serve with warm maple syrup, agave or honey.

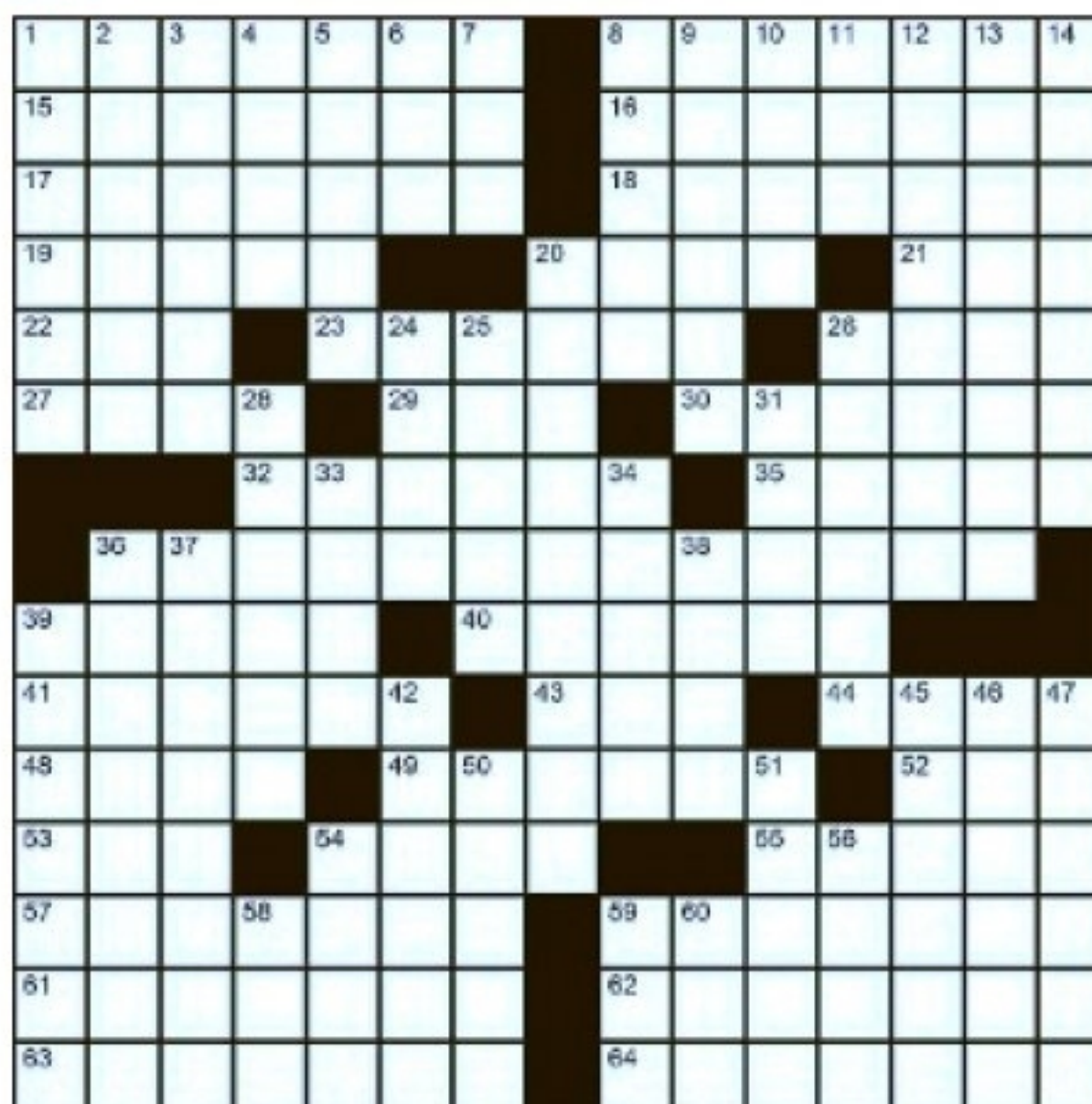
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1. Clearly expresses
8. Minstrel musicians
15. Mosque tower
16. Up the proverbial creek: 3 wds.
17. Autocratically
18. Potassium _
19. Handle
20. Advantages
21. Music style
22. Eliminate
23. Canucks (note the 's'), as opposed to Canuck
26. Assist
27. Acknowledged
29. Hot season in Montreal
30. "The Partridge Family" character played by Susan Dey
32. Biblical book/prophet
35. Canadian Politics: Nicknames of the Liberals
36. Famous event
37. Canadian racehorse Northern Dancer won in 1964: 2 wds.
39. _ sock (Do darning)
40. Celine's "The Prayer" duettist
41. Pre-born social insect: 2 wds.
43. Canadian rapper, JD _
44. Disapproving sound
48. Munchies/treats, advertising-style
49. English class assignments
52. Comprehend
53. X



54. Captivating animal attractions
55. Fashion: _
57. Port city in North Africa on the Mediterranean
59. Became full from the buffet
61. "Circle in the Sand"

- by _ Carlisle
62. Fixed the suit jacket in a way
63. Tonsil's pal
64. Wine storage rooms

DOWN

1. Set sail
2. Bow's instrument
3. Not outdoors
4. Spaceflight gr.
5. Crunchy
6. Snake-like splasher
7. Pen
8. The Balance
9. Get the newly-purchased rug ready for use
10. New Mexico art colony
11. Doctrine
12. Bible: Eve was created from one: 2 wds.
13. Wholeness
14. Grassy expanses

- on plains
20. As per #36-Across... The other big thoroughbred horse race Northern Dancer won in 1964, _ Stakes
24. French for 'the water'
25. Mohawk Valley city in New York
26. "Whoopee!"
28. Glass cleaning brand
31. Pulitzer-winning writer James
33. Male deer
34. Mythological multi-headed monster
36. Put the dogs in a boarding shelter, States-style
37. Mire
38. Sturdy horse cart
39. Flat-roofed tomb of ancient Egypt
42. Lieutenant Commander _ La Forge ('Star Trek' universe character)
45. The Night of the _ (Tennessee Williams play)
46. Jet- _ (World traveller)
47. War horses
50. "What a pity": 2 wds.
51. Beach trinket
54. _ of Elea (Ancient Greek philosopher)
56. Seed coat
58. "Am _ your way?"
59. Legendary monster
60. Peace sign's spelled-out shape

***IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today is the best day of the year to take stock of what you own. Do your wealth and assets make your life easier? After all, that's the objective, isn't it?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Take a realistic look in the mirror today to see how you can make a better impression on your world. (This is the best day of the year to do this.)

Gemini May 22 - June 21
For one more month, you must be patient with partners and close friends. After that, these relationships will be far less demanding.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Friendships are important, whether you are an extrovert or an introvert. Actually, your friends are a reflection of who you are. Think about this today.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Today's New Moon is the best day all year to observe your style of relating to authority figures — bosses, parents and VIPs. Are you gracious or competitive?

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What further education or training will help to improve your job? What travel might you do to enrich your life?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will have greater peace of mind if you work to reduce your debt. This is the perfect day to think about how to do this.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Scrutinize your partnerships and closest friendships today, because this is the best day of the year to do this. (That's because today is the only New Moon opposite your sign all year.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
What can you do to improve your job or the way that you do your job? The whole point of efficiency is to make things easier for you.

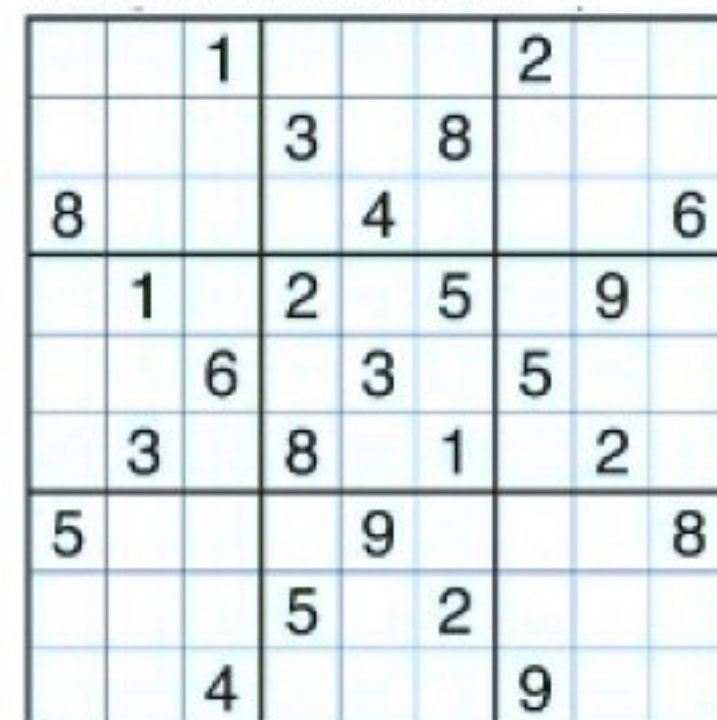
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
"No pain, no gain" is a Capricorn belief. But in truth, we all need to play every day! Do you balance play with work? Think about this today.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Think of several ways that you might improve your home, as well as your relationships with family members. Today's New Moon is the best day of the year to think about this.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
It's important to be as clear as you can in all your communications with others. Observe your style of communicating. Do you really listen to others, or do you just wait for a chance to speak?

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